

Sir Nantes September 23 1789

Permit me to put you to the Expeience
of a few sols. although in any other Estimation than my
own, my Letter may not be worth the Postage, I am sensible
that the little attention & Respect I had it in my
power to pay you, during your Residence here, give me
no claim to your Remembrance, but I trust to the
sensations of your Heart, and in pitying the Situation
of my Family I doubt not you will do Justice to
the Sentiments I entertained for your Character before
I knew you, & those I have for your Person since.

You will be informed by the late arrivals at St. Orient
that all the interested part of America are suspending
their speculations in expectation of a Peace, while
those truly attached to the principle of the War see through
the flimsy covering. I confess however I am surprised
at some parts of Carleton's Letter which you
have inclosed, because I had a better opinion of the

the Wisdom to say nothing of the Veracity of the
new administration. How ridiculous would they
appear if the Dispatches since the Death of the Marquis
of Rockingham were made as public as those mentioned
by Carleton and Digby. The Inconsistency I suppose
would be accounted for by Mr Fox's Demission and
Lord Shelburne's Advancement.

I have a Letter from Mr W Blake dated Aug
11th 1782. but I have another Letter from a Friend dated
Aug 12, which runs thus. "Mr William Blake came
here from N York having arrived in the June packet.
He confirms the Declaration of Independance the
Sovereign Independance of America & adds that
Gen Carleton had liberated all the Americans
Prisoners & had disbanded the N York militia, that
he had cut off 8000 Rations on which great murmurings
had arisen among the Loyalists who on this "starvation
act" had set forth in a petition their deplorable
Condition & begged to know what they were to do for

"for a lively hood, Carleton answered. Ship yourselves
in the Fleet or enter into the Army."

I sincerely wish the Continuation of your
Welfare and am with the highest Respect & Esteem

is Your most Obed^t Servant.
Pray Sir excuse my writing by
another hand, a little Indisposition is the cause.

John Williams
You will see by the Paper that Gen^l Wayne has had
a Brush to the Southward & I congratulate you on
the honourable share you for the fall had in the action

I shall be sorry if you think I have made
this packet too large by its inclosures but
the matters appeared to me too interesting to
make it less especially if they should be new
to you.

Jon: Williams Sep: 20.
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